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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) recently;

(b) if so, the comparative details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for low rate of reduction in poverty in urban areas than the rural areas; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) & (b): According to information furnished by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) conducts consumer expenditure surveys in some of its annual rounds on thin sample basis. The average Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) in the country, during the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are as under:

Year	Average MPCE(Rs.)		Average Household Sizes	
	All-India	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
2005-06	625	1171	4.9	4.3
2006-07	695	1312	4.8	4.3
2007-08	772	1472	4.7	4.2

(c) & (d): According to information furnished by the Planning Commission, the poverty ratio in rural areas has come down from 37.27% in 1993-94 to 28.27% in 2004-05 whereas the reduction of poverty ratio in urban areas was from 32.36% in 1993-94 to 25.71% during the same period. One of the important reasons for lower rate of reduction of poverty in urban areas compared with rural areas could be migration of poor people from rural to urban areas. Some of the major programmes/schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation to reduce poverty in urban areas are Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission: Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) & Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHIP), Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing the Urban Poor (ISHUP), Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme ((ILCS) etc.